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RE: App No: 10/691,841

**COMMENTS:**

I look forward to our interview at a time to be determined. Please see attached Applicant Initiated Interview form. I have also attached a possible claim amendment and points of discussion. Let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Regards,

Jason Howard

Scheduled on 09/03/08  
at 1:15 PM  
Est. time  
10/691,841

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The following claim amendments are for the purpose of discussion only and are not to be entered.

1. A method of designating items as available to share in a computer system between a sharer that makes items available and a sharee that views the items that were made available comprising:

executing on the sharer's computer a query comprising a scope and a criteria, wherein the scope and the criteria are submitted by the user of the sharer's computer;

creating on the sharer's computer a list with a plurality of referenced items based on the results of said query;

defining the contents of one or more virtual folders on the sharer's computer based on the list, the one or more virtual folders configured to be manipulated by an action of at least the sharer, said manipulation is at least one of dragging, copying and pasting,

making the contents of the one or more virtual folders available for sharing with the sharee, thereby making the results of said query available to the sharee; and

sharing at least a portion of the one or more virtual folders with a sharee such that the sharee is provided with access to the referenced items from the sharee's computer.

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### Differences between cited art and claim with possible amendments

There are several differences between claim 1 and the combination of references cited by the Office. For example, the combination of references does not teach "executing on the sharer's compute a query comprising a scope and a criteria, wherein the scope and the criteria are submitted by the user of the sharer's computer" as recited in claim 1. The Office correctly notes that the Huang reference does not describe this limitation. *See* Office Action dated June 26, 2008, p5. As described previously, the Pearson reference describes submitting search criteria on a sharee's computer (referred to as the querying host 102 in the Pearson reference Fig. 4) that is in turn sent to the sharer's computer (queried host 104 in Fig. 4). The sharer computer then conducts a search and returns a list of items that satisfy the search criteria. *See* Pearson reference [0030]. Thus, "the scope and the criteria" are not submitted by the user of the sharer's computer, but by the user of the sharee's computer. This is the opposite of the limitation described above. Further, the search in the Pearson reference is conducted over content that has already been designated for sharing. Accordingly, the combination of references does not describe "executing on the sharer's compute a query comprising a scope and a criteria, wherein the scope and the criteria are submitted by the user of the sharer's computer."

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## Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/691,841 First Named Applicant: Mohammed Samji  
 Examiner: Anh Ly Art Unit: 2162 Status of Application: Non-Final Rejection

## Tentative Participants:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Jason Howard  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Date of Interview: TBD Proposed Time: TBD (AM/PM)

## Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☒ Telephonic (2) ☐ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

## Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>103</u>	<u>Claim 1</u>	<u>Huang and Pearson</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(3) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(4) _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

## Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Discuss the difference between claim 1 and the cited references as explained in more detail in the  
 fax cover sheet.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_.

NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Jason Howard

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